**Comprehension- The Scarlet Ibis**

1. What is wrong with Doodle?

2. Describe Doodle’s appearance as a baby. Use evidence from the text.

3. Record Doodle’s reaction to seeing Old Woman Swamp for the first time (include a key quote). What does his reaction say about him?

4. The narrator says that Doodle is really good at telling lies. What are these lies? What is the theme of most of the lies and what does this tell us about what is important to Doodle?

5. In what ways is the scarlet ibis like Doodle? How does the bird’s symbolic value add meaning to the story and to our understanding of Doodle? Use evidence from the text.

6. The narrator tells what he is “smart” at, what he wants in a brother, and how he feels about having an invalid brother. What conclusion can you draw about the narrator and what he values?

7. Do you think the narrator is being cruel or helpful to his brother? What are examples of acts that are both cruel and helpful?

8. Why did the narrator say he taught his brother to walk? Why did he cry and what does that show about the character?

9. Why is the narrator willing to gather flowers for his brother? What conclusions can you draw about the narrator’s feelings?

10. A **developing (or dynamic) character** is one who changes by the end of the story. Is the narrator a developing/dynamic character? Why – what has changed or what has he learnt? Support your answer with evidence from the story.